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Amendments to the Drawings

None.

Remarks

Claims 1, 4 through 12, 15, and 17 through 25 remain pending in this application. No claims beyond those for which a fee has been paid are added by this amendment. The Applicant requests further examination of the application in view of the amendments and remarks as set out below.

Claims 1 – 3 and 5 – 11 were rejected by the Action under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Baron et al. WO 96/21436. Claim 15 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Baron WO 99/26191. Claims 4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Baron et al. in view of Baron. Claims 13, 14, and 16 through 22 are objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten to not depend on a rejected claim.

Claim 13 depended from rejected independent claim 1. Claim 13 has been canceled, and Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 13. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that handwritten symbols that are read by the claimed method are proximate a writing platform, as recited by claim 13, to refer to “positions” rather than “position” and to delete the step of defining a three dimensional volume and instead reciting that a writing instrument is deployed within a three dimensional volume. The Applicant asserts that claim 1, as amended, is allowable for the reasons that claim 13 was indicated to be allowable. Claims 4 through 12 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Allowance of claims 1 and 4 through 12 is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 depended from rejected independent claim 1. Claim 14 has been canceled. Newly presented claim 23 depends from claim 1 and adds requirements similar to, though not identical to, claim 14 directed to a method of measuring three dimensional positions and motions of a writing tip for purposes of identifying two dimensional handwritten symbols from the three dimensional positions and measurements. Newly presented claim 24 includes the requirements for the methods for measuring positions and motions as required by claim 23.

The Applicant asserts that claims 23 and 24 are allowable for the reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and additionally for the reasons that claim 14 was indicated to be allowable.

Claim 16 depended from rejected independent claim 15. Claim 16 has been canceled and Claim 15 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 16. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 15. Claims 18 through 22 depend directly or indirectly from claim 15. The Applicant asserts that claim 15, as amended, is allowable for the reasons that claim 16 was indicated to be allowable. Claims 17 through 22 now depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 15 and are allowable for at least the reasons that claim 15 is allowable. Allowance of claims 15 and 17 through 22 is respectfully requested.

Claim 25 has also been added. Claim 25 depends from claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Claim 25 additionally requires that three dimensional motion is measured by measuring a series of three dimensional positions. This claim is supported at least by paragraph 60 of the specification. Allowance of claim 25 is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set out above, the Applicant submits that the claims of this application, claims 1, 4 through 12, 15 and 17 through 25 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of those claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a discussion of these claims would be useful, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8114. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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